

**SHELTER ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
March 6, 2017**

- Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Alfred Brigham, Sr. (left at 8:20 pm), Susan Binder and Kathleen Lynch
- Others Present: Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Timothy Laube, School District Business Leader; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 3 faculty/staff/ student and 1 community resident/other
- Absent: Nicolette Frasco, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Graffagnino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathleen Lynch read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying and expanding their learning about, understanding of, and engagement with the wider world. To do this, they must be: ethical and moral individuals; respectful and responsible communicators; creative and analytical thinkers; knowledgeable and literate readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists; participants in and audiences for art, drama, music, athletics, and other artistic, cultural, and social activities; skilled and successful workers and consumers; and committed and active citizens.

Budget Workshop

Mr. Timothy Laube presented the 2017-2018 line-by-line proposed budget. Mr. Laube noted that there had been an additional item added to the budget since the last meeting because a community member submitted a petition to increase the maximum mileage limitation for transportation of students to nonpublic schools from 15 miles to 16.5 miles, the cost of which will be approximately \$70,000. This petition was sent to legal counsel for review and it was determined to be complete. Therefore, this proposition will be put forth to the public to be voted on at the May 16, 2017 budget vote.

In order to fund this additional \$70,000 in transportation costs, Mr. Laube presented the Board of Education with three (3) different options.

1. Take the \$70,000 out of reserves
2. Pierce the tax cap by adding \$70,000 to the budget; which would require the budget to pass by a super majority vote (60%)
3. Cut programming to cover the additional \$70,000 cost of private school transportation

The members of the Board of Education and Administration held a discussion about the options presented. Everyone agreed that cutting program was not an option. They discussed the pros and cons of option #1 - taking the money out of reserves and option #2 - piercing the tax cap. The Board of Education did not vote on which option to choose as they still need to see the long-term effect of taking the \$70,000 out of reserves, but it was clear that using the money in reserves is the option they are leaning towards.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to line-by-line item questions and answers.

Visitor Questions - None

Executive Session

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:56 pm, to discuss the specific personnel matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning - District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 20, 2017, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Mission Statement

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Adjournment